

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 573

March 15, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds language to the definition of “injury and personal injury” that excludes myocardial infarctions, arrhythmias, strokes, or any disease of the heart or brain from such definitions, for the purposes of workers’ compensation laws. Removes diseases of the lung and hypertension arising out of and in the course of employment from definition of “occupational diseases”. Specifies that diseases related to the neurovascular system, the brain, and hypertension shall not be deemed occupational diseases.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures – Exceeds \$10,000/Risk Management Fund

Decrease Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$10,000

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DLWD), the impact on the number of employees requesting assistance for a workers’ compensation claim will be not significant. As a result, there is no impact on DLWD.
- Excluding certain diseases from the definitions of injury, personal injury, and occupational diseases could result in a decrease in the number of claims covered by public employers.
- The precise number of claims in a year that would be denied as a result of the exclusions cannot be determined.
- The recurring decrease in state expenditures from the Risk Management Fund is reasonably estimated to exceed \$10,000.
- The recurring decrease in local expenditures is reasonably estimated to exceed \$10,000.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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